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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE ON AMOCO DRILLING RIG

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1. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY FROM UPI, FOLLOWING INFORMATION
PROVIDED ON BACKGROUND. PRESS SPOKESMAN TODAY WILL USE
ON BACKGROUND AND IF ASKED BASIS.

2. Q. WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT THE AMOCO DRILLING
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RIG INCIDENT IN THE GULF OF SUEZ?

A. THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WAS INFORMED BY AMOCO OF
PLANS TO DRILL IN AN AREA IN THE GULF OF SUEZ CLOSE TO
WATERS UNDER ISRAELI CONTROL. WE HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT
WITH BOTH THE ISRAELI AND EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENTS IN THE
INTEREST OF AVOIDING A CONFRONTATION ON THIS MATTER.

AS OF MARCH 12, THE AMOCO RIG, "DISCOVERER 511" WAS IN
POSITION AND DRILLING OPERATIONS ARE NOW UNDERWAY. IT IS
OUR HOPE THAT PROBLEMS RELATIVE TO THE LOCATION OF AMOCO'S
EQUIPMENT HAVE BEEN RESOLVED, AND THAT THE DRILLING
WILL PROCEED WITHOUT FURTHER INCIDENT. VANCE

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